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§811a.1 Purpose.

This part establishes policy for the management of the Air Force visual information documentation (VIDOC) program. It implements Department of Defense (DOD) Directive 5040.2 and describes how the program is accomplished. It applies to all Air Force personnel including United States Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units and members. The term major command (MAJCOM), when used in this part includes separate operating agencies and direct reporting units. The Air Force VIDOC program:

- (a) Records, through visual information (VI) means (still photographs, motion pictures, video, audio tape, and so forth), imagery of significant Air Force events that document the employment, growth, progress, and exercise of Air Force resources during peacetime and in combat.
- (b) Collects and preserves visual imagery of significant Air Force events with known or potential historical or archival value.
- (c) Ensures imagery which depicts the prime mission, support activities, and significant events of key Air Force organizations is available. VIDOC imagery or products are used for many purposes, at all levels, in the Air Force. Examples are:
- (1) *Immediate use.* Documentation used to help analyze and evaluate concepts and results of deployments, contingencies, tests, exercises, and so forth, during peacetime and in combat to support Air Force, DOD, and national objectives. VIDOC provides source material for slides, motion picture clips, video tapes, multimedia products, and so forth; used for training, management, information, and briefing purposes. In wartime, products are used to support theater commanders psychological operations objectives, operational briefings, status reports, public affairs requirements, collateral intelligence, and the historical record.
- (2) Future use. VIDOC materials with long-term or permanent value are retained in DOD central record centers, the National Air and Space Museum, and the National Archives. These make up the pictorial records of development, growth, and progress of air

power and provide a continued resource for VI productions and other media presentations.

§811a.2 Material sources for the VIDOC program.

- (a) The primary sources of VI documentation materials are:
- (1) Aerospace Audiovisual Service (AAVS) documentation crews, both ground and aerial, whose primary mission is to acquire Air Force imagery in peacetime and in combat.
 - (2) Base VI support centers (VISC).
- (3) Optical instrumentation and engineering imagery of Air Force research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) projects, including that material originated by defense and aerospace contractors.
- (4) Armament delivery recording (ADR) imagery.
- (b) Although the imagery may not originate from a documentation requirement, when properly processed, indexed, and stored, it serves as a valuable source of VI documentation.

§811a.3 Disposition of VI documentation materials.

- (a) VI materials generated or acquired by Air Force members, employees, or contractors in conducting official duties are the property of the United States Air Force. Personal use of VI material for sale or any other reason not directly related to an official Air Force activity is prohibited. Any deviation from this policy must be approved by HQ USAF/SCV. This policy also applies when Air Force members or employees, by choice or agreement, occasionally use personally owned equipment or supplies in conducting official duties.
- (b) Photographs, motion picture films, transparencies, video tapes, audio recordings, and other VI products are subject to safeguards and release requirements when released outside the Department of Defense (see part 806 and part 837 of this chapter).

PART 812—USER CHARGES

Subpart A—General Information

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